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REMARKS

Claims 1-17

Claims 1-17 have been allowed. In particular, claim 1 has been allowed because the Examiner states that the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a method "outputting a first color calibration target using a first color printing technology *onto media having a second color calibration target already output thereon* using a second color printing technology," in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim. Claim 14 has been allowed because the Examiner states that the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a computer-readable medium having a computer program stored thereon to perform a method "outputting a process color calibration target using a process color printing technology *onto media having a spot color calibration target already output thereon* using a spot color printing technology," in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim.

Claims 18-29

Claims 18-19 and 24-29 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Spence (5,333,069). Claims 20-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spence. Claim 18 is an independent claim, from which claims 19-29 ultimately depend.

Applicant has amended claim 18 so that it is consistent with the reasons why the Examiner has allowed claims 1 and 14. In particular, claim 18 is now limited to "a color output device capable of outputting colors combined from base colors *onto media as a first color calibration target*." Claim 18 is also now limited to "a sensing mechanism to measure the colors output by the color output device *onto the media as the first color calibration target* and to measure colors

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already output by another color output device employing different technology than the color output device, *onto the media as a second color calibration target.*"

Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 18 is patentable over and not anticipated by Spence, such that claims 19-29 are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 30-33

Claims 30 and 33 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Spence, while claims 31 and 32 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spence. Claim 30 is an independent claim, from which claims 31-33 ultimately depend.

Applicant has amended claim 30 so that it is consistent with the reasons why the Examiner has allowed claims 1 and 14. In particular, claim 30 is now limited to "a combinatory color output device capable of outputting colors combined from base colors *onto media as a first color calibration target.*" Claim 30 is also now limited to "means for calibrating the combinatory color output device so that the colors output by the combinatory color output device *onto the media* better match colors previously *and already* output by a spot color output device *onto the media as a second color calibration target.*"

Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 30 is patentable over and not anticipated by Spence, such that claims 31-33 are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 34-37

Claim 34 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Spence, while claims 35-37 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spence. Claim 34 is an independent claim, from which claims 35-37 ultimately depend.

Applicant has amended claim 34 so that it is consistent with the reasons why the Examiner has allowed claims 1 and 14. In particular, claim 34 is now limited to "a color image-formation mechanism capable of outputting colors *onto media as a first color calibration target.*" Claim 34

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is also now limited to “a sensing mechanism to measure the colors output by the color image-formation *mechanism* and to measure colors *already* output by another color image-formation device *onto the media as a second color calibration target and* employing different technology than the color image-formation mechanism.”

Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 34 is patentable over and not anticipated by Spence, such that claims 35-37 are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 38-42

Claims 38 and 39 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Spence, while claims 40-42 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spence. Claim 38 is an independent claim, from which claims 39-42 ultimately depend.

Applicant has amended claim 38 so that it is consistent with the reasons why the Examiner has allowed claims 1 and 14. In particular, claim 38 is now limited to “a communicative mechanism receptive to communicative connection with a sensing mechanism that is capable of measuring colors output *as different color calibration targets* onto *a same* media using different color printing technologies.” Claim 38 is also now limited to “a computer-readable medium having a computer program stored thereon to calibrate one of the different color printing technologies so that the colors output thereby onto the media better match the colors *already and previously* output by the other of the different color printing technologies, based on measurements of the colors by the sensing mechanism.”

Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 38 is patentable over and not anticipated by Spence, such that claims 39-42 are patentable for at least the same reasons.

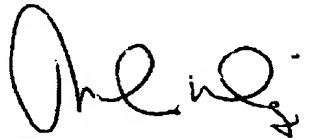
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Conclusion

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Michael Dryja, Applicant's Attorney, at 425-427-5094, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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